

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-42 (canceled)

43. (new) A cooking vessel for supporting a food product during cooking, comprising:

a sheet of aluminum or aluminum alloy;

wherein the sheet has a patterned surface to support a food product during cooking;

wherein the patterned surface has raised portions and lower portions;

wherein the raised portions form a substantially planar surface;

wherein the raised portions extend generally vertically from the lower portions; and

wherein a combination of the raised portions and the lower portions form air pockets or air channels.

44. (new) The cooking vessel according to claim 43, wherein the air pockets or the air channels enhance heat transfer during cooking.

45. (new) The cooking vessel according to claim 44, wherein the air pockets or the air channels provide air circulation or air flow during cooking.

46. (new) The cooking vessel according to claim 43, wherein the air pockets or the air channels provide air circulation or air flow during cooking.

47. (new) The cooking vessel according to claim 43, wherein no other metallic, aluminum, or aluminum alloy layer is integral to the aluminum sheet with the patterned surface.

48. (new) A cooking vessel for supporting a food product during cooking, consisting of:

a sheet of aluminum or aluminum alloy;

wherein the sheet has a patterned surface to support a food product during cooking;

wherein the patterned surface has raised portions and lower portions;

wherein the raised portions form a substantially planar surface;

wherein the raised portions extend generally vertically from the lower portions; and

wherein a combination of the raised portions and the lower portions form air pockets or air channels.

49. (new) The cooking vessel according to claim 48, wherein the air pockets or the air channels provide air circulation or air flow during cooking.

50. (new) The cooking vessel according to claim 48, wherein the air pockets or the air channels enhance heat transfer during cooking.

51. (new) The cooking vessel according to claim 49, wherein the air pockets or the air channels enhance heat transfer during cooking.